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Applicants : Robert F. Richards et al.  
Application No. : 10/033,353  
Filed : October 25, 2001  
For : PIEZOELECTRIC MICRO-TRANSDUCERS, METHODS OF  
USE AND MANUFACTURING METHODS FOR SAME

Examiner : Thomas M. Dougherty  
Art Unit : 2834  
Docket No. : 67901-9  
Date : October 28, 2005

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**PETITION TO WITHDRAW HOLDING OF ABANDONMENT  
UNDER 37. C.F.R. § 1.181**

Commissioner for Patents:

The applicants received a Notice of Abandonment in the above-referenced matter dated October 13, 2005. The Notice of Abandonment indicated the reason was failure to pay the required issue fee and publication fee. The applicants respectfully request withdrawal of this notice because the issue fee had previously been paid.

The applicants received a Notice of Allowance on October 21, 2004. A copy of that notice is attached hereto. On January 14, 2005, the applicants paid the issue fee and publication fee by check. A copy of the issue fee transmittal and check are also attached hereto. A copy of the postcard indicating receipt of the issue fee

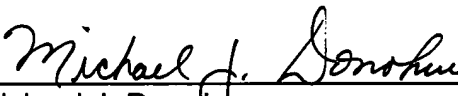
transmittal and check by the Patent Office, dated January 18, 2005, is also enclosed herewith.

On February 7, 2005, the applicants petitioned for withdrawal of the application from issuance under 37 C.F.R. 1.313(c) to allow consideration of additional prior art references.

The additional references were considered by the Examiner and a Notice of Allowability mailed April 7, 2005. Also included was a Notice of Allowance and fees due. A copy of the Notice of Allowability and Notice of Allowance/Fees Due are also attached hereto. It should be noted that no fees were due because the issue fee had already been paid on January 14, 2005.

Accordingly, the applicants respectfully request that the Notice of Abandonment be withdrawn and the application allowed to issue. If questions remain regarding this application, please contact the undersigned at (206) 628-7640.

Respectfully submitted,  
Robert F. Richards et al.  
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Enclosures: First Notice of Allowance  
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TITLE OF INVENTION: PIEZOELECTRIC MICRO-TRANSDUCERS, METHODS OF USE AND MANUFACTURING METHODS FOR SAME

APPLN. TYPE	SMALL ENTITY	ISSUE FEE	PUBLICATION FEE	TOTAL FEE(S) DUE	DATE DUE
nonprovisional	YES	\$685	\$300	\$985	01/21/2005

THE APPLICATION IDENTIFIED ABOVE HAS BEEN EXAMINED AND IS ALLOWED FOR ISSUANCE AS A PATENT. **PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS CLOSED.** THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWANCE IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS. THIS APPLICATION IS SUBJECT TO WITHDRAWAL FROM ISSUE AT THE INITIATIVE OF THE OFFICE OR UPON PETITION BY THE APPLICANT. SEE 37 CFR 1.313 AND MPEP 1308.

THE ISSUE FEE AND PUBLICATION FEE (IF REQUIRED) MUST BE PAID WITHIN THREE MONTHS FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS NOTICE OR THIS APPLICATION SHALL BE REGARDED AS ABANDONED. **THIS STATUTORY PERIOD CANNOT BE EXTENDED.** SEE 35 U.S.C. 151. THE ISSUE FEE DUE INDICATED ABOVE REFLECTS A CREDIT FOR ANY PREVIOUSLY PAID ISSUE FEE APPLIED IN THIS APPLICATION. THE PTOL-85B (OR AN EQUIVALENT) MUST BE RETURNED WITHIN THIS PERIOD EVEN IF NO FEE IS DUE OR THE APPLICATION WILL BE REGARDED AS ABANDONED.

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**Determination of Patent Term Adjustment under 35 U.S.C. 154 (b)**  
(application filed on or after May 29, 2000)

The Patent Term Adjustment to date is 0 day(s). If the issue fee is paid on the date that is three months after the mailing date of this notice and the patent issues on the Tuesday before the date that is 28 weeks (six and a half months) after the mailing date of this notice, the Patent Term Adjustment will be 0 day(s).

If a Continued Prosecution Application (CPA) was filed in the above-identified application, the filing date that determines Patent Term Adjustment is the filing date of the most recent CPA.

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- ☐ a. Applicant claims SMALL ENTITY status. See 37 CFR 1.27. ☐ b. Applicant is no longer claiming SMALL ENTITY status. See 37 CFR 1.27(g)(2).

The Director of the USPTO is requested to apply the Issue Fee and Publication Fee (if any) or to re-apply any previously paid issue fee to the application identified above. NOTE: The Issue Fee and Publication Fee (if required) will not be accepted from anyone other than the applicant; a registered attorney or agent; or the assignee or other party in interest as shown by the records of the United States Patent and Trademark Office.

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Effective October 1, 2004, 37 CFR 1.18 is amended by revising paragraphs (a) through (c) to read as set forth below.

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- Attachment(s)**

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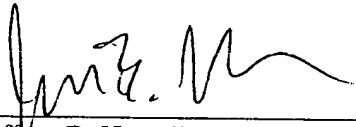
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Washington State University  
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Pullman, Washington

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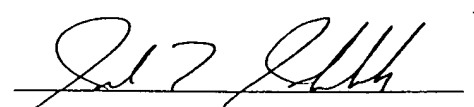
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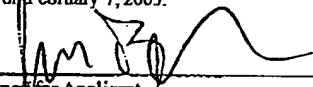
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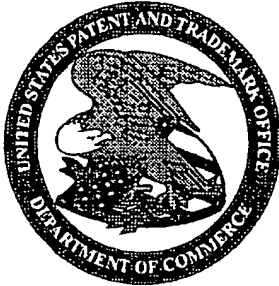
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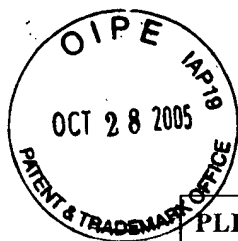
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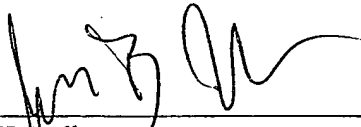
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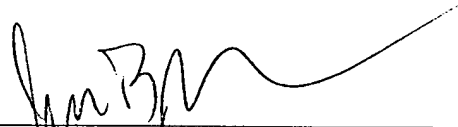
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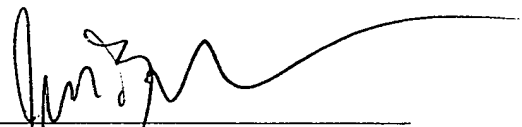
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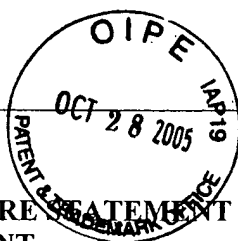
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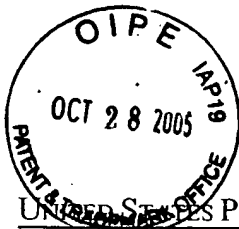
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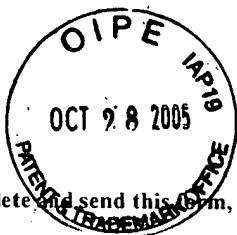
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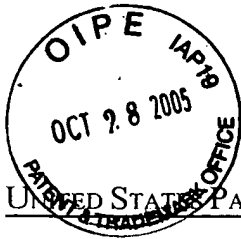
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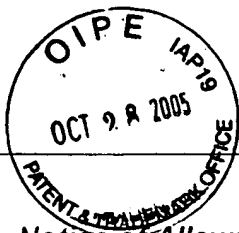
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